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Past Simple • Past Continuous
have + noun • Writing a story 1

It all went wrong

Past Simple

1 Choosing the right verb

Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Past Simple.

fall	find	break
laugh	spend	leave
lose	need	take
celebrate	save	
can't (past = couldn't)		

LOST, ALONE, AND INJURED ON A MOUNTAIN



Gary Smith yesterday *celebrated* his twentieth birthday, but he's lucky to be alive. In March this year, he was climbing Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, when he (1) _____ his way and (2) _____ sixteen hours in sub-zero temperatures. 'My friends (3) _____ at me for having so much survival equipment, but it (4) _____ my life.'

On the first night, the weather was so bad that it tore his new mountain tent to pieces, so he moved into a Youth Hostel. He (5) _____ the hostel at 10.00 the next morning, but that afternoon he was in trouble. 'I (6) _____ off a rock and (7) _____ my left leg. I (8) _____ move.' Mountain rescue teams went out to look for Gary, and (9) _____

him at 9.00 the next morning. A helicopter (10) _____ him to hospital, where he (11) _____ several operations. 'Next time I'll go with my friends, not on my own!' he joked.



2 Making negatives

T 3.1 Correct the sentences.

1 Shakespeare wrote stories.
Shakespeare didn't write stories.
He wrote plays.

2 Christopher Columbus discovered India.

3 Beethoven came from France.

4 Leonardo da Vinci lived in Mexico.

5 The Americans landed on the moon in the 19th century.

6 The Buddha came from Australia.

3 Making questions

T 3.2 Write the questions.

1 I went to the States in 19____.
When did you go to the States?

2 I went to _____ for my last holiday.
Where _____ ?

3 We stayed in _____.
Where _____ ?

4 We stayed there for _____ weeks.
How long _____ ?

5 We had _____ weather.
Did _____ good weather?

6 We travelled round by _____.
How _____ ?

7 We had _____ food.
Did _____ good food?

4 Short answers

Answer the questions about Gary in exercise 1 and about you. Use short answers.

1 Did Gary get lost?
Yes, he did.

2 Did he have a lot of equipment?

3 Did he go with friends?

4 Did he hurt his hand?

5 Did you do your homework last night?

6 Did you do any sport yesterday?

7 Did it rain yesterday?

5 Past Simple forms

Write the Past Simple of these verbs.

work *worked*

save *saved*

stop *stopped*

come *came*

arrive _____

plan _____

make _____

help _____

use _____

travel _____

feel _____

wash _____

like _____

rob _____

send _____

walk _____

smile _____

clap _____

know _____

6 Past time expressions

Complete the sentences with a word from the box. Careful! Sometimes no word is necessary.

I arrived home *at* six o'clock last night.
I saw Jane — yesterday.

ago	last	in	for
at	when	on	

- I was born in Africa _____ 1970.
- My parents moved back to England
I was five.
- We lived in Bristol _____ three years.
- I left college three years _____.
- I found a flat on my own _____ last year.
- I usually go home _____ the weekend.
- I didn't go home _____ weekend because some friends came to stay.
- They arrived _____ three o'clock the afternoon.
- _____ Saturday evening we went out to a concert.
- _____ we got home we listened to some music.
- We got up late _____ Sunday morning.
- _____ the afternoon we went for a walk.
- I bought a car a few weeks _____.
- I had an accident _____ last night.
- It happened _____ seven o'clock the evening.
- I took my car to the garage _____ this morning.
- It will be ready _____ two weeks.

Past Continuous

7 Forming the Past Continuous

T 3.3 Yesterday you went to a party. This is what you saw when you arrived. Make sentences in the Past Continuous.

When I arrived at the party...

- Jenny/talk/to Mick

Jenny was talking to Mick.

- Annie and Pete/dance

- Sarah and Bill/sit/on the sofa

- Katie/choose/a CD

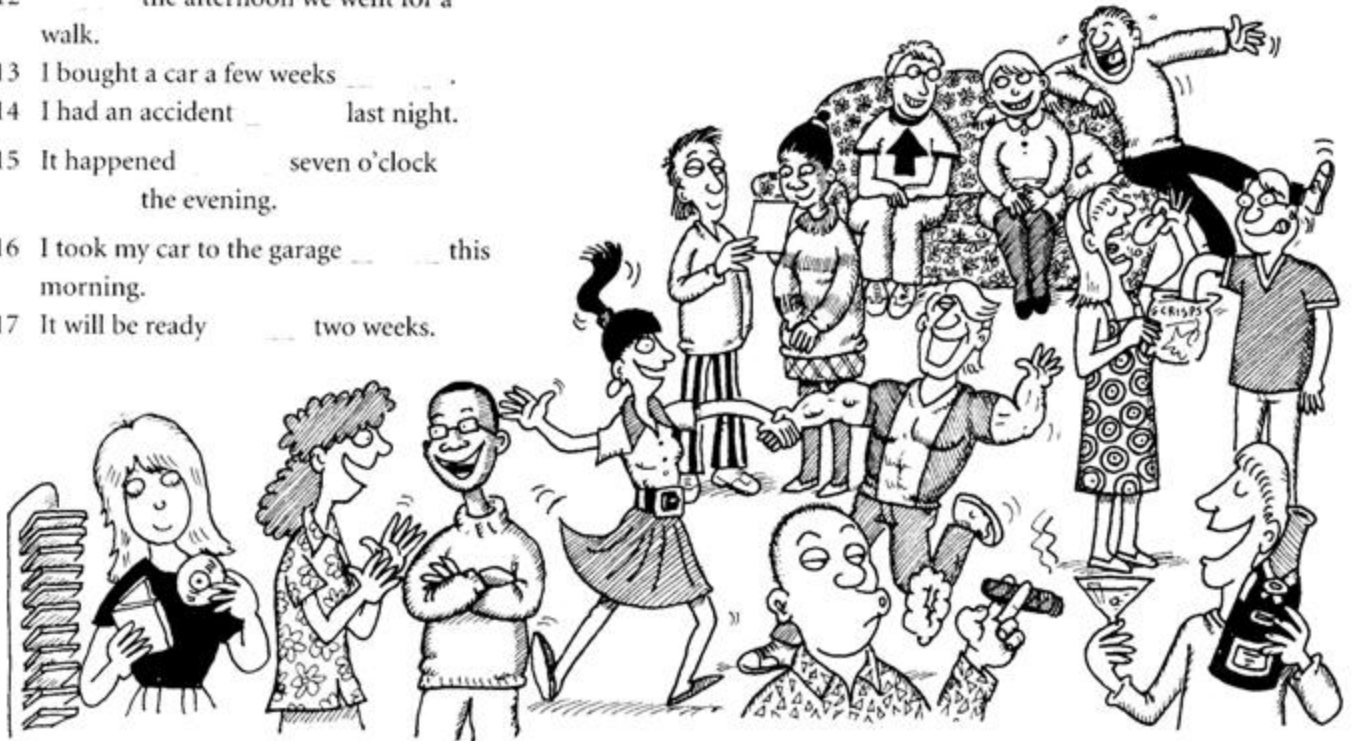
- Max/drink/champagne

- Beth and Dave/eat/crisps

- Justin/show/Lucinda a photograph

- Harry/smoke/a cigar

- James/tell/a joke



8 Newspaper stories

Look at the three newspaper stories. Match the phrases with the correct story. Where exactly do they go?

- 1 'I was working in the garden at the time,' she explained.
- 2 ... because they were wearing masks
- 3 'I know I was driving fast,' he explained to the court.
- 4 ... when he was travelling at 120 miles an hour
- 5 ... who was coming home from school at the time
- 6 The bottom of the tree was slowly moving.

B TREE DESTROYS HOUSE



Yesterday afternoon a 35-year-old housewife narrowly escaped death when a tree blew over and fell onto her house, completely destroying it. 'It was quite windy. I heard a strange noise coming from our tree. Suddenly the wind blew a little stronger, and I watched it crash onto the roof.' The Bowles family are staying with friends while their house is rebuilt.

C POST OFFICE ROBBERY

Yesterday afternoon thieves stole £500 from a post office in Preston, Lancashire. Police do not have a good description of the two men, but they know that they escaped in a red Ford Cortina. This information came from an 11-year-old boy, Charlie Carrack.



The post office in Preston

A

Motorist Driving at 120 mph



Jeremy Page

Motorist Jeremy Page had to pay a fine of £330 at Durham Magistrates' Court yesterday for speeding. Police stopped him on the motorway. The speed limit on motorways is 70 miles an hour. 'This was because I was late for work.' The judge said that this was no excuse.

Past Simple or Continuous?

9 Choosing the correct form

Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 I *met* / *was meeting* a friend while I *did* / *was doing* the shopping.
- 2 I *paid* / *was paying* for my things when I *heard* / *was hearing* someone call my name.
- 3 I *turned* / *was turning* round and *saw* / *was seeing* Paula.
- 4 She *wore* / *was wearing* a bright red coat.
- 5 We *decided* / *were deciding* to have a cup of coffee.
- 6 While we *had* / *were having* a drink, a waiter *dropped* / *was dropping* a pile of plates.
- 7 We all *got* / *were getting* a terrible shock.
- 8 While the waiter *picked* / *was picking* up the broken plates, he *cut* / *was cutting* his finger.

Vocabulary

10 *have* + noun = activity



! *Have* is often used with a noun to express a form of action.
I had a shower and went to bed.
Where did you have lunch?
Have a good weekend!

Notice that, with meals, we do not use *a*.
I had breakfast/lunch.

T 3.4 Complete the sentences with a form of *have* and a noun from the box.

drink	argument	look	swim
bath	breakfast	word	day
game	time	dinner	

- 'Would you like to *have a drink* ?'
'Yes, please. I'm very thirsty.'
- 'Did you watch TV last night?'
'No, I _____ and went straight to bed.'
- 'Did you _____ a good _____ of tennis?'
'Yes. I won 6-0, 6-2.'
- 'Bye, Mum. I'm going to the party now!'
'Goodbye, darling. _____ a nice _____ !'
- 'Did you _____ this morning?'
'No. I got up too late. I just had a cup of coffee.'
- 'I'm going to _____ a _____ and wash my hair. I feel dirty.'
- I have a swimming pool in the garden, so if you want to _____ a _____, just come round.
- 'Did you _____ a good _____ at the office, dear?'
'No, I didn't. The boss was very angry with me.'
- Peter and I always argue. We don't agree about anything. Yesterday we _____ an _____ about politics.
- I've got my holiday photographs. Do you want to _____ a _____ ?
- John! Could I _____ a _____ with you for a minute? There's something I want to talk to you about.

Writing

11 Linking words – *while*, *during*, and *for*

! 1 *While* is a conjunction, and is followed by a clause (subject + verb). If you say 'X happened while Y happened', it means X and Y happened at the same time.
I met Peter while I was studying at university.

2 *During* is a preposition, and it is followed by a noun. It has a similar meaning to *while*.
I worked on a farm during the holidays.
 The noun after *during* expresses an activity that takes time.
during the film/lesson/afternoon/football match
While and during answer the question *When?*

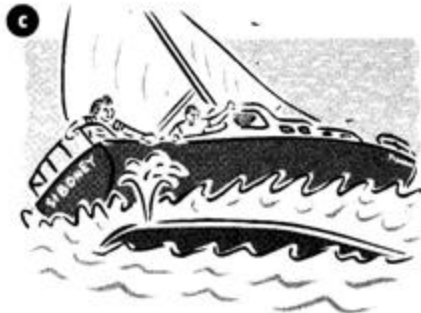
3 *For* is a preposition, and answers the question *How long?* It is followed by a time expression.
I lived there for three years/six months.
We're having a holiday for two weeks/a couple of days.

- Complete the sentences with *while*, *during*, or *for*.
 - I fell and hurt myself _____ I was playing tennis.
It started to rain _____ the match.
We played tennis _____ two hours.
 - I worked in Italy _____ three years.
_____ the summer I stayed on a farm in Tuscany.
I learned Italian _____ I was there.
 - We went on holiday in Florida _____ three weeks.
_____ the day it was very hot, but it was cool at night.
We went to Disneyland _____ we were there.
 - We had a lovely meal yesterday. We sat at the table _____ three hours.
_____ the meal we exchanged news.
_____ I was talking to Barbara, I learned that Tony was in hospital.

2 Read the story and look at the pictures. Complete the text with *while*, *during*, or *for*.



A Disastrous Sailing Holiday



BILL AND SIMONE BUTLER left Miami one summer weekend on their annual sailing holiday in their boat, *Siboney*. They wanted to sail round the Caribbean Sea (1) _____ two weeks.

(2) _____ their holiday, they saw a large group of whales. Bill and Simone were very excited. Unfortunately, (3) _____ they were watching them, the whales began to hit the side of the boat.

Suddenly, water started flooding in, and they realized that they were in trouble. They quickly jumped into the lifeboat (4) _____ the boat was sinking, and watched it disappear under the sea.

Fortunately, they had enough food and water (5) _____ twenty days. They also had a fishing line and a machine which made salt water into drinking water. These two things helped them to survive

(6) _____ their terrible experience.

(7) _____ the next 50 days they caught about ten fish a day and ate them raw. They saw about twenty ships, but although they waved and shouted (8) _____ they were passing, nobody saw them. They were becoming weaker and weaker. Then, just as they were beginning to lose hope, a fishing boat rescued them. Their disastrous holiday was over.

12 Writing a story 1

Write a story of about 150 words. The story is about a time in your life when everything went wrong. You can choose one of these subjects if you like.

- the day you woke up late for an exam
- a terrible day at work
- an argument with your best friend
- your worst birthday ever
- an awful wedding